

Figure 8. Annual weighted black drum index of relative abundance (number per set) from the NCDMF Independent Gill Net Survey (Program 915) in the Pamlico Sound and Neuse, New, Pamlico, and Pungo river systems from 2003–2021. Shaded area represents + one standard error. Sampling in this program was suspended in February 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions and protected species interactions but resumed July 2021.

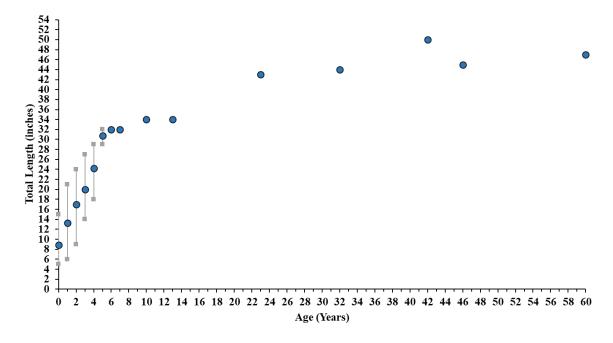


Figure 9. Black drum length (total length, inches) at age based on all age samples collected from 2011 to 2021. Blue circles represent the mean size at a given age while the grey squares represent the minimum and maximum observed size for each age. Samples collected from partial carcasses were not included.